(c) the action taken by Government for bringing necessary amendments as suggested by NCW; and

(d) the reasons for tardy progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government is reviewing various legislations relating to women in the light of the recommendations made by the National Commission for Women. These laws are related to different Ministries/Departments. The specific legal provisions will be Finalized after a final view is taken on these laws in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments.

Irregularities in Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jaipur division

†698. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several allegations of irregularities and corruption had been made by various institutions and officials against the Principals and Group (A) officers who came on deputation in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jaipur division;

(b) if so, the details of complaints;

(c) the steps taken to conduct an enquiry into these allegations; and

(d) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha. »

Opening of new Navodaya Vidyalayas

†699. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to open some new Navodaya Vidyalayas in the new academic session;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the total number of Navodaya Vidyalayas arc proposed to be opened alongwith the places where such Vidyalayas are likely to be opened;

(c) whether Government would consider to open some Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State of Gujarat also; and

(d) if so, by when and the names of districts where such Vidyalayas are likely to be opened and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) (a) and (b)Ycs, Sir. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has informed that there is plan to open 36 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas during the current year. Schools can be opened in the Districts wherein no JNV exists, after the receipts of proposals from District Administration/ State Government.

(c) and (d) JNVs have been established in 17 Districts out of 25 Districts in Gujarat. There is no proposal pending with NVS for opening of JNVs in the remaining 8 Districts.

Impact of change in school timings

700. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment/survey has been made to ascertain the impact of change in school timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi and other regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No assessment/survey has been done.

(c) School timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been changed to bring them at par with most public schools of Delhi which have been having these timings for very long.

Separate universities in Maharashtra and Karnataka

701. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Central Universities now functioning in Maharashtra and Karnataka;